



Bassingbourn Rifle & Pistol Club Newsletter

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Web Site

Please contact Jackie on webmaster@brpc.org.uk if you have any comments on the web site and any thoughts on what you would like to see on it

From the Secretary:

Welcome to 2007. New Year, New Members, New Dates.

All the 2007 dates are on page 2 as at 6 April 2007. For those with internet access, please keep checking the website for updates and those without, you have the information line (phone number on the reverse of your membership cards) to keep up-to-date.

The AGM was extremely well attended on the re-scheduled date back in February, so many thanks to everyone who attended. I will try and pull the main points out for the next newsletter. We are hoping to go to the same venue next year, but will hire the main Club House to give us more room.

Please remember that all Club information including contact details are on the reverse of the membership cards. These cards are to be worn on all range shoots for ease of identifying members and guests. A reminder that on Guest Days, all guests are the responsibility of the Full member who has invited them and they will be under 1-1 supervision in accordance with Home Office regulations.

Jackie Parker (Secretary)

Effect on Shooting of the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006

As you may be aware, sections of the Violent Crime Reduction Act came into force on 6 April 2007. There are articles in GunMart (March 2007), on BASC's (www.basc.org.uk) and Guntrader's website (www.guntradeassociation.co.uk) and others.

A few items that I have pulled out are:

- Only RFDs will be able to sell or transfer legal limit airguns
- There won't be any air weapon mail order sales from UK registered businesses
- The min age for purchasing/hiring an air weapon has been raised to 18
- Cap primers and/or empty cartridge cases containing live primers can only be purchased by an individual with legal authority eg FAC holder
- The min age for purchasing knives has been raised to 18
- There are also changes for imitation firearms

If you would like more information on the Act, it is downloadable from www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200506/cmbills/010/2006010.pdf or contact the Secretary

Interested in Reloading

Any **Full** BRPC members who are interested in taking up reloading, please let the Secretary know.

See us at www.brpc.org.uk

2007 Shooting Dates

Guest Days are for non-Bassingbourn Rifle & Pistol Club members

May

Saturday 5	Isle Target Sports Club	1.30—4.30		Guest Day
Saturday 12	Barton Road	8.30—1.00	300 / 400	

June

Sunday 3	Isle Target Sports Club	1.30—4.30		Guest Day
Sunday 10	Bassingbourn Barracks	8.30—1.00		
Sunday 24	Barton Road	8.30—1.00	600	

July

Saturday 21	Barton Road	8.30—3.00	Long Range	
Sunday 29	Barton Road	8.30—1.00	200 / 300—Any Rifle, Any Sights	

August

Sunday 5	Isle Target Sports Club	1.30—4.30		Guest Day
Sunday 12	Barton Road	8.30—1.00	100 / 200 / 300 Service Rifle	

September

Sunday 9	Bassingbourn Barracks	8.30—1.00		
Sunday 23	Barton Road	8.30—1.00	100 / 200—Buffalo	Guest Day
Saturday 29	Isle Target Sports Club	1.30—4.30		Guest Day

October

Saturday 13	Barton Road	8.30—3.00	Long Range	
Sunday 28	Barton Road	8.30—1.00	400 / 500	

November

Sunday 4	Barton Road	8.30—1.00	100 / 200	Guest Day
Sunday 11	Bassingbourn Barracks	8.30—1.00		
Sunday 25	Isle Target Sports Club	1.30—4.30		Guest Day

December

Sunday 2	Barton Road	8.30—1.00	100— Xmas Shoot	
Sunday 9	Bassingbourn Barracks	8.30—1.00		

BRPC Insurance—2007

Club members are only covered under Club insurance for personal accidents etc when they are attending Club-organised shoots (this does include shooting at Isle Target Sports Club on non-BRPC Club shoots). So, if you attend a self-organised shoot at, for example, Bisley, you won't be covered.

If you wish to organise your own shoots, ensure that you have taken out your own insurance eg through BASC or NRA membership.

Also, only the Club FAC is now covered for legal advice. Membership of another organisation eg NRA or BASC will cover you which would be very highly recommended..

Use of Targets at Isle Target Sports Club



Despite several shoots at Isle Target Sports Club without damage to the new target frames that the Club purchased, this wasn't the case on 5 May. Two stands and 3 cross members have been shot.

The Club has always stipulated that it will not replace them and if an individual shoots the frame, it is only right that they replace it. Therefore, if you know that you shot a frame (one frame had a group of rounds through it), then please contact Jackie or John regarding replacement.

As mentioned, the Club won't be replacing any target frames, therefore if you regularly shoot at Isle Target Sports Club, it may be worthwhile purchasing your own from Fenland Rural Sports.

One way to avoid shooting the frame is to follow the instructions on the backing board which is to only attach targets in the top-half of the board. **Please follow these instructions.**

Items Looking for their Owners

Did you shoot at the Long Range shoot at Barton Road in March and leave your shooting mat there?

If you attended the May shoot at Isle Target Sports Club and left a dark blue Umbro drinks bottle, it has been recovered.

Please contact the Secretary urgently to reclaim these items.

Thanks.

Sat Nav

For those of you who are new members and haven't been to all our ranges, a points of interest file has been created for use with SatNav. They are on the website on the Range Information page and are available for TomTom, Navman, Garmin and ASCII format.

Keeping Up-to-Date without Internet Access

If, at anytime, you become an Internet surfer, therefore able to access the Newsletters online, please contact the Secretary so that the Club can save money on postage. You will then receive an email when the latest newsletter is available for reading. Until then, please ensure that you call **07092 051804** to keep up-to-date with the range dates / changes.

Keeping Up-to-Date with Internet Access

The website at www.brpc.org.uk now gives you the opportunity to be automatically informed when pages change.

When you next visit the website, you will find that the Home, Members Only, Shooting Dates and Competitions pages all have links so that you can receive an email when they are changed. This is through a website called ChangeNotes.com.

Other pages can be added to your list by typing in the website address of that particular page (or by selecting it in the address bar, copy and paste it into the ChangeNotes page).

Classified Advertisements

Advertisements are accepted in good faith, but Bassingbourn Rifle & Pistol Club takes no responsibility for the accuracy of any statements made by the advertiser. Club members' adverts are free of charge, for trade adverts, please call for current tariffs.

To place private or trade advertisements, please contact John on 07880 733129



D-2MS Night Vision Goggles - For Sale

For Sale—D-2MS Night Vision Goggles in absolute mint condition, very occasionally used (probably less than 15 hours total) as the fixed optical separation does not suit my eye spacing.

Ideal for hands free night vision with the head mount or spotting with a larger IR lamp - at only 430 grams they are the lightest NVG's on the market. They have been used in both situations for foxing/rabbiting,

they have fantastic resolution and crisp images and were reviewed in GunMart sometime last year.

They come with D-2MS, carry case, user guide and head mask all in mint condition, I'll even throw in spare batteries. These are still current and retail for about £586 ([Russian Military](#)) through various suppliers eg in the UK so spares and replacement lenses are easy to get hold of, also these are upgradeable with higher magnification lenses for enhanced spotting etc...



I'm only asking £375 for them to fund another project, fantastic bargain!

No offers please. these are in genuine mint condition and well looked after

Contact John on 07880 733129

Ruger 10/22 (.22 rimfire) Free to Good Home

An ex-member of the Club has offered his Ruger 10/22 to the Club, but as we don't hold Club firearms, he is offering it free to a Club member—ideal if you have just got your FAC with a .22 rimfire slot on it. If you are new to the Club, you will have found that everyone will have been more than willing to offer you the use of their firearms and ammunition. The deal for the free rifle is that you put something back into the Club and allow prospective new members the use of the rifle on Guest Days. Contact the Secretary if you are interested.

Also available is a standard Hogue stock (£30) and a Green Mountain fluted bull barrel (£50). **Never fired.** Contact the Secretary for more information.

Disclaimer

Articles contained on the web site and in this newsletter are based on contributor's personal experiences only and should not be relied on as a guide to safe practice. No responsibility for any consequential losses or injury associated with the use of the information in the web site or in this newsletter will be accepted by Bassingbourn Rifle & Pistol Club.

Facilities

Barton Road



Bassingbourn Barracks

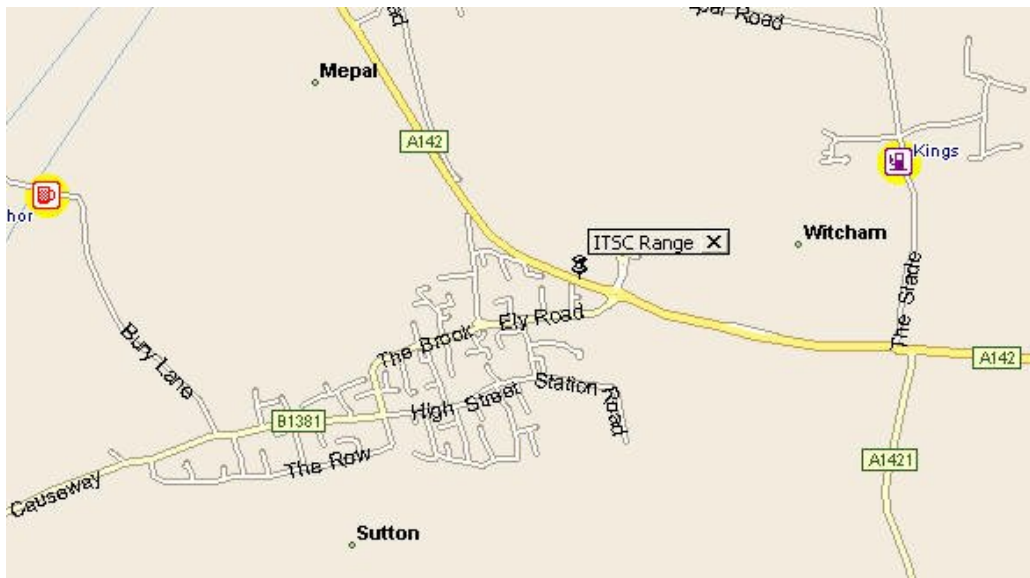


100 m - 1200 yds

Maximum calibre of .577", and a maximum muzzle velocity of 3275 ft/sec (1000 m/s), and a maximum muzzle energy of 5160 ft lbs.

100 m

Maximum calibre of .223"/5.56mm, and a maximum muzzle velocity of 3275 ft/sec (1000 m/s), and a maximum muzzle energy of 5160 ft lbs.



Due to refurbishment and upgrading of the range, the range certificate now states a maximum muzzle velocity of 3250 ft/sec and a maximum muzzle energy of 3020 ftlbs —there is no maximum calibre.

Facilities include 8 covered benched lanes at 25m and 2 covered (prone or standing supported eg bipod/bag) at 50m.

Article Submission

If you would like to pen any short stories or humorous incidents please submit them to the editors. We would, of course, prefer that they be in some way shooting related and not cause offence or law suits! The editors' decision as to what may be printed is final. We would prefer that articles are supplied electronically where possible, to cut down on the amount of work involved. However we do appreciate that not all members have access to computers etc so if you submit a hand written article please use legible block capitals to give us a chance! Accompanying photographs are fine so long as they are in a format we can scan, ie No negatives or slides please and maximum size A4.

Barton Rd Sentries Needed

Do you know anyone at a loose end one Sunday morning a month? If so, would they be willing to do sentry duties at Barton Rd Range. All they need to do is to man the sentry post for a few hours and read a book.

Do you know your Committee members?

Chairman	Peter Cannon
Treasurer	Roger Benson
Secretary	Jackie Parker
Vice Secretary	John Parker
Shooting Captains	Doug and Steven Voak
Chief Range Officer	Russell Taylor
Ordinary Members	Terry Gibney
	Will Westlake
	Phil Cox